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Applicant : David F. Englert

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated May 6, 2003, be extended for three months to and including November 6, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$950 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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